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SUBJECT: INTELSAT CONSIDERATION OF SHUTTLE AND ARIANE LAUNCH
VEHICLES

REF: STATE 6031

1. EMBOFF MADE REPRESENTATION REQUESTED REFTEL TO MR.
SIDDIQUI, DIRECTOR GENERAL, TELEPHONES AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTORATE. SIDDIQUI CALLED IN HIS INTELSAT EXPERT TO JOIN
THE DISCUSSION.

2. THE PAKISTANIS SAID THEIR GROUP (IRAN/PAKISTAN/TURKEY/
KOREA) USED TO ROTATE THE SPOKESMAN'S POSITION BUT THAT IRAN,
BY PURCHASING A LARGER BLOCK OF INTELSAT SHARES, HAD BECOME
THE PERMANENT SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP.

3. THE PAKISTANIS HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE SHUTTLE/ARIANE
DISCUSSIONS AND WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT NASA ALWAYS
HAD AND ALWAYS WOULD LAUNCH THE INTELSAT SATELLITES.
SIDDIQUI AND HIS EXPERT HAD LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF THE
SHUTTLE PROGRAM AND WERE VERY IMPRESSED BY ITS CAPABILITIES.

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4. BASED ON THE INFORMATION WE GAVE THEM (PARAS 5 AND
6 REFTEL, MINUS THE FYI'S), THEY AGREED THAT THE SHUTTLE
APPEARED TO BE THE BEST LAUNCH SYSTEM. HOWEVER, THEIR
LACK OF KNOWLEDGE AND IRAN'S DOMINANCE MAKE US THINK THAT
PAKISTAN WILL NOT CARRY MUCH WEIGHT EVEN WITHIN THE
GROUP.
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